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Please amend the above application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 6.

Please amend the following claims:

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1. (amended) In a pulp packing material, the improvements comprising:

a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component and providing a surface to said packing material for being at an article to be packed therewith; and

a second layer containing a non-crosslinked material as a main component and providing an opposite outer surface to said packing material.
3. (amended) The pulp packing material according to Claim 1, wherein at least one of said surfaces of said packing material is covered with a film of plastics.
4. (amended) The pulp packing material according to Claim 2, wherein at least one of said surfaces of said packing material is covered with a film of plastics.
5. (amended) In pulp packing material, the improvements comprising:

a sheet containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component and having a first and an opposite second surface; and

a film of plastics that covers only said first surface of said sheet sufficiently for molding said sheet and film, whereby said film contacts an article and said second surface is an outer surface.
7. (amended) A method for producing a composite pulp molding article, comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface that contacts with a packed article in a

first mold;

producing a second layer containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component into a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface into a second mold; and
sticking said first and second layers to each other.

8. (amended) A method for producing a composite pulp molding article, comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component;

producing a second layer containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main;

forming a pulp packing material by sticking said first and second layers to each other;

and

forming the pulp packing material into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an outer surface, by press molding.

9. (amended) The method for producing a composite pulp molding article according to claim 7, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.

Please add the following claims:

10. (new) A method for producing a composite pulp molding article comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing a corsslinked pulp as a main component into a shape

such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface that contacts with a packed article in a first mold;

producing a second layer of plastic into a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface in a second mold; and

sticking said first and second layers to each other.

11. (new) A method for producing a composite pulp molding article comprising the steps of:

producing a first layer containing crosslinked pulp as a main component;

forming the first layer into a shape such that said first layer constitutes an inner surface which contacts with a packed article, by press molding;

producing a second layer containing non-crosslinked pulp as a main component;

forming the second layer into a shape such that said second layer constitutes an outer surface, by press molding; and

sticking a press molded first layer and a press molded second layer to each other.

12. (new) The method for producing a composite pulp molding article according to claim 10, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.

13. (new) The method for producing a composite pulp molding article according to claim 8, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastics covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.

14. (new) The method for producing a composite pulp molding article according to claim 11, further comprising the step of forming a film of plastic covering said inner surface and/or said outer surface.